



ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

A computerized method of collaboratively ordering information comprises: storing a plurality of information nodes; enabling a user to give an ordinal rank to a nodes under a parent node; ranking nodes under their parent node as a function of the ordinal ranking given to them by each of a group of users; and displaying nodes under their parent ordered by such rankings. The nodes can be statements about a subject, articles, multimedia presentations, suggestions about other nodes, discussion threads, URLs, advertisements, etc. In some embodiments a user can select to see nodes ordered by the rankings given them by different sets of users. In some embodiments, nodes can be ranked under a parent node, and parent nodes can be ranked under other parent nodes. In some embodiments the same node can have different rankings under different parent nodes. In some hierarchical embodiments a user can view the hierarchy of nodes with select parent nodes having their child nodes displayed. In some embodiments a user can alternatively select to view nodes ordered by other criteria including: date of creation; number of non-ordinal votes received, amount or type of user activity association with node, and amount or type of change associated with the node in a given time. In some embodiments, desired nodes are made easier to find with searching tools and/or indexing. Some embodiments provide tools for collaboratively editing nodes or verifying their contents. In some embodiments the method is practiced on line, such as in a client-server environment.

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